

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the week of April 6-11, 2015 has been designated as National Community Development Week by the National Community Development Association to celebrate the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program; and

WHEREAS, the CDBG Program provides annual funding and flexibility to local communities to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities to low- and moderate-income people; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Program provides funding to local communities to create decent, safe, affordable housing opportunities for low-income people; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, our community has received a total of \$3,093,444 in CDBG funds and \$2,143,163 in HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, CDBG-funded agencies provided shelter and services to 1,173 homeless residents, groceries and meals for 5,600 residents, summer programming and English Language Services for over 60 City youth, dental services for 250 homeless persons, and distribution of 350 dental hygiene kits in 2013; and

WHEREAS, home sharing, home-based senior services, and other housing retention assistance helped over 868 residents remain housed and living independently; and

WHEREAS, CEDO provided technical assistance to 40 current or potential entrepreneurs, including finding commercial space, help with permitting, and market research; four new businesses were created, two businesses expanded, and nine jobs were created or retained in 2013; and


WHEREAS, Mercy Connections provided entrepreneurial training for 26 women interested in starting a Burlington business; four new businesses started and three businesses expanded in 2013; and

WHEREAS, 36 Housing for the Homeless units received critical repairs and 14 new units were leased;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby proclaim the week of April 6-11, 2015 to be

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

in the City of Burlington, and I do hereby applaud these two valuable programs that have made tremendous contributions to the viability of the housing stock, infrastructure, public services, and economic vitality of our community. We urge Congress and the Administration to recognize the outstanding work being done locally and nationally by the CDBG Program and the HOME Program by supporting increased funding for both programs in FY16.


Miro Weinberger
Mayor

